THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As of the end of January 1992, there has been no decline of textile exports.

(b) Exports of Cotton Textiles to erstwhile USSR declined by 65% during April-December 1991 against the corresponding period of 1990. In respect of Garments, the decline was of 25% However there has been no decline in exports of these products to traditional western markets.

(c) On the whole, there is no significant impact on the textile industry due to decline in textile and clothing exports to erstwhile USSR.

(d) Steps taken by the Government to increase export of textiles in the current year include organising of Buyer Seller Meet Fairs and exhibitions in overseas markets, partial convertibility of rupee etc.

Requirement of earnest money Deposit from Garment Exporters

2816. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exporters of garments who have been allocated special quotas by German Government merely on the basis of Berlin fair participation, are required to make the earnest money deposit as performance guarantee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that All India Garment Exporters Common Cause Guild has represented for the withdrawal of the earnest money deposit; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to mitigate hardships faced on this account by a large number of small and new participants/exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Exporters who are allotted Export Entitlements in the Partners-for-Progress Fair, Berlin, are required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit @ 1% of the value of the contract in the case of slow moving items and @ 2% of the value of the contract in the case of fast moving item.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) EMDs have been stipulated to ensure that exporters fulfil their quota obligations. Withdrawal of the EMD would not be in the interest of full utilisation of the Export Entitlements released by EEC.

Malpractice by B.I.C.

2817. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen news reports as published in the Amar Ujala, Kanpur dated 3rd March, 1992 relating to the affairs of British India Corporation Limited;

(b) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to take over British India Corporation Limited against its own policy decision relating to take-over, nationalisation and disinvestment; and

(c) if so, the details and reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The British India Corporation Limited is a Government Company under the British India Corporation Ltd. (Acquisition of Shares) Act, 1981.

वस्त्र निर्यात में विद्युत करघों का योगदान

2818. **डा॰ जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन:**
श्री रणजीत सिंह:

क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के असंगठित क्षेत्र में संचालित विद्युतकरघों द्वारा भारी मात्रा में कपड़े का उत्पादन किया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस क्षेत्र में 1990-91 में कुल कितने कपड़े का उत्पादन किया गया और उसका मूल्य क्या था;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि वर्ष 1990-91 में इस क्षेत्र में उत्पादित कपड़े अथवा उससे बनाए गए सिलेसिलाए वस्त्रों के निर्यात से भारी मात्रा में विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई है;